Bunny Ear Napkin Rings – a Pier One knock-off

Supplies:
Fusible web
Burlap
Heat resistant template plastic
Hot glue (either low melt or hi-temp)

Permanent marker
Iron

Note: The Pier One napkin rings are using burlap that has a backing fused to it already.

1. Trace ear shape onto template plastic with permanent marker.

2. Fuse two pieces of burlap together, wrong sides together using the fusible web between the two layers. Heat set with a hot iron.

Note: Each napkin ring needs 2 years and a 2”x7” strip of fused fabric.

3. Per napkin ring:
    a. Cut 2 ears and a 2” by 7” strip of fabric.
    b. Cut 1 strip template plastic 7” x ¾ -7/8”.

4. Heat hot glue gun.

5. To prepare the fabric strip: Find the lengthwise center of the fabric strip, mark with a pin. Find the crosswise center. Cut a lengthwise slit, approximately ¼” long leaving ¼” – 3/8” gap between them, centered. These slits will allow the ears to be slipped in before the napkin band is completed. See #5.

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6. To make the ears: Dab a bit of hot blue into the bottom area of the ears. Roll one side of the bottom of the ear towards the center, and then roll the opposing side over the first. See photo #6.

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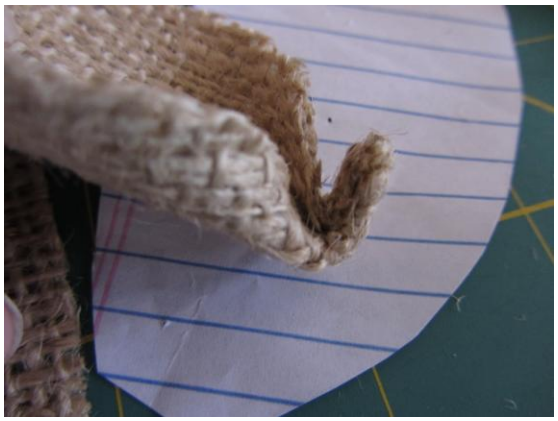
7. While the hot glue is still warm, bend the bottom of the ears at a 90° about ¼ inch from the bottom. See #7.



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8. Insert ears into the slits made into the band. Make sure both ears go in the same direction. See #8.

9. Secure the ears with a dab of hot glue on the inside of the band.

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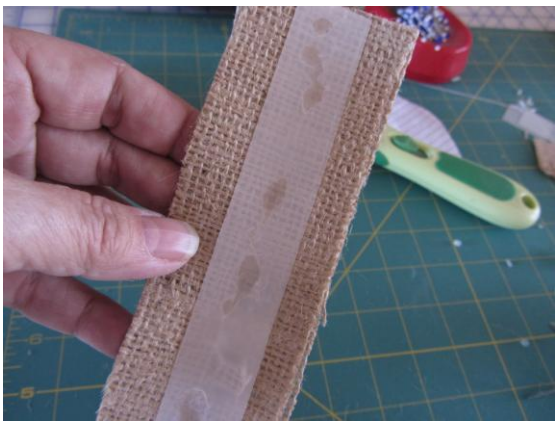
10. Secure the heat resistant template strip to the underside of the napkin band with dabs of hot glue.



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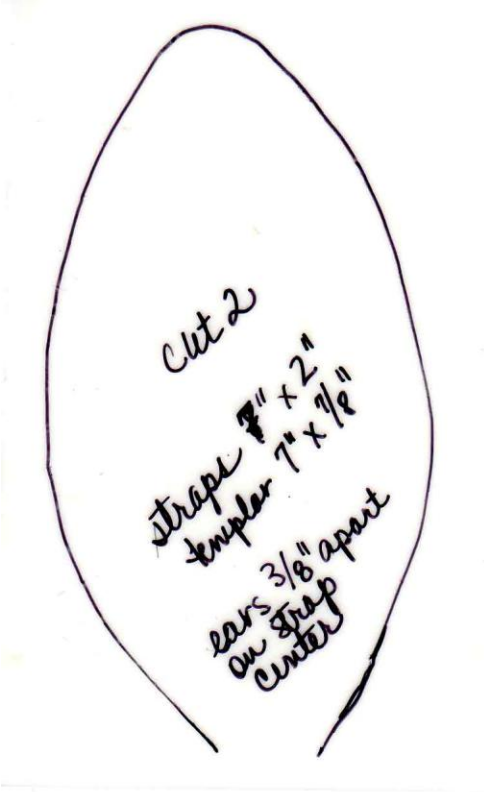
11. Working about 1" at a time, smush (for lack of a better word) hot glue over the heat resistant template strip and then promptly wrap the sides of the napkin band over the heat resistant template strip. Work your way the length of the strip.

12. Form the napkin band into a circle and hot glue1” of one end over the other, forming a circle.

Tip: When you hot glue the underside of the and when you hot glue the end over end forming the circle, be sure to get hot glue all the way to the cut edges. This will keep the edges from fraying.



Bunny Ear Napkin Rings - an upscaled idea!

The basic steps are basically the same as for the burlap version.

Fabric: Linen

I used a wavy cutting blade on my rotary cutter when I cut out the bunny ears. Pinking shears would also work wonderful, but I couldn't find mine.

I sewed ric-rac trim inside the cut edges of the ears. This could also be done using Fabric-tac, a fabric adhesive.

I also wrapped the napkin band in a piece of ric-rac.

Sources:

Burlap – Hancock Fabrics
Fusible web – JoAnn Fabrics, but also available at craft stores.
Heat Resistant Template plastic:

Used: Templar - http://www.quiltknit.com/NT448-Templar-Heat-Resistant-Template-Material-6-Sheets_p_1561.html
http://www.lauranownes.com/favoritetools.html
http://www.simplicity.com/p-1470-ez-quilting-no-melt-mylar-template-12-x-18.aspx
I am sure this is available in most quilt stores and/or craft store.